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Portland Oct 13th 1864.

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Dear Sir:

The bearer, Mr. A. Blanchard Esqr, seeks
an interview with you on our behalf, for the purpose
of inviting you to deliver one of an Independent
course of lectures on the "State of the Country",
in aid of our Sick and wounded Soldiers, during
the coming winter.

We trust your inclinations and convenience
may permit your compliance with our request.

Any arrangements you may be pleased to
make with Mr. Blanchard will be perfectly satisfactory.

With high considerations of
Patriotic respect

We are your Obedt. Servants,

Jacob M. Bellan Mayor

Benj. Kingsbury, Jr.,

J. Marshburn,

John Lynch

M. A. Blanchard

} Lecture
Committee
and
Com. of
Arrangements.

See Jacob L. Woodman's
letter of Feb'y 23/64.

Wm Lloyd Garrison, Esqr }
Boston }